High licence fee and royalty quoted by ITDC for Duty Free Shops at International Airport

3338. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC has quoted abnormally high licence fee and royalty in the global tender issued by AAI for Duty Free Shops at the International Airports involving rental and royalty in the first year of Rs. 40 crores as against 12 crores paid earlier;

(b) whether it is a fact that the advisors appointed to ITDC for Duty Free who supplied material to Duty Fee Shops were paid abnormal high fee with obtaining purchase orders; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the inventory of Duty Free Shops is more than Rs. 25 crores including many items that have become obsolete and time banned including foreign liquor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. ITDC quoted competitive rates on the basis of which it was awarded the tender for Duty Free Shops. The yearly rental for the existing space will now be Rs. 26 crores as against Rs. 12 crores earlier.

(b) ITDC appointed a Consultant-cum-Consolidator in March, 1999 through competitive bidding process.

(c) Yes, Sir. The inventory as on 31.03.2001 is around Rs. 34 crores including some inactive and slow moving items.

Inclusion of Chitrakoot in World Tourism Map

†3339. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the then Minister of State for Tourism had announced at the time of closing ceremony of Chitrakoot Mahotsava 2000, held at Chitrakoot that this city will be included in World tourism map;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether there is also a scheme to build a sanctuary here; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Tourism.

(e) Does not arise.

Tourism development plan for Hampi

3340. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested for approval of the short term tourism development plan for Hampi and sanction the Central share under the special Tourism Area Development Programme;

(b) if so, the amount of Central share sought for; and

(c) what is the present stage of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India has not received any proposal for grant of Central financial assistance for tourism development plan for Hampi under the Special Tourism Area Development Programme. However, a proposal on preparation of Socio-Economic Feasibility Report for Integrated Development of Hampi region in Karnataka was received and an amount of Rs. 8.50 lakhs was sanctioned as Central share during June 2000.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Productions staged by NSD repertory and students

3341. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the productions staged by NSD repertory and NSD students in last three years, category-wise alongwith expenditure involved in each production;

(b) the details of credential of the directors of the said productions alongwith fees paid to each of them; and